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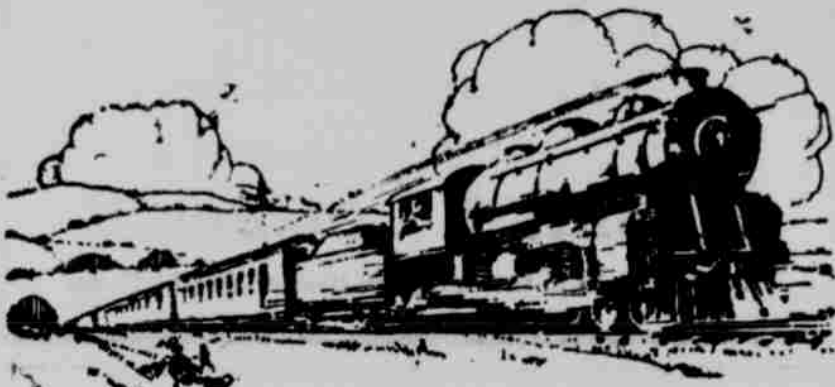
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National wealth can increase only as our railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any price. No growing country can long pay the price of inadequate transportation facilities.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-tf
Imagine Bill Hart as "John Petticoats."—adv.

George E. Sharrar was in Saginaw on business Friday.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 62-tf-c
Dr. T. J. Carney was in Pompeii on business yesterday.

"It Pays to Advertise"—Bryant Washburn—Idlehour Sunday.—adv.

Watch for Douglas Fairbanks in "When The Clouds Roll By."—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dumas were Mt. Pleasant visitors Friday evening.

Mrs. S. B. Cook visited with relatives in Mt. Pleasant the latter part of last week.

T. A. Bamforth of Chicago was in the city on business the latter part of last week.

Oh, Boy! "Fatty" Arbuckle in "The Hayseed"—Idlehour, Wednesday and Thursday.—adv.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-tf

Election of officers of local American Legion post Tuesday. Vote straight on the Blue Ticket.

Do you know "13 Soap—Unlucky for Dirt?"—See Bryant Washburn in "It Pays to Advertise"—Idlehour, Sunday.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Swiss returned Monday from New York, where they attended the New York automobile show last week.

G. J. Maier was in Mt. Pleasant Friday and that evening attended the Mt. Pleasant Normal-Alma College basketball game.

Women! Do you know "What Every Woman Learns?" Enid Bennett can tell you—Idlehour Monday and Tuesday.—adv.

Kick! Kanker Kanker! If you vote the Blue Ticket at the election of officers of the American Legion local post next Tuesday evening.

E. C. Crandell has returned from a business trip to Grand Rapids and Chicago. In the former city he attended the annual furniture show.

Otto Sanderhoff and Jotham Allen were in Big Rapids Monday attending the annual meeting of the Four Drive Tractor company of that city.

Guy W. Smith, a resident of the Michigan Masonic Home here, died Saturday at the age of 83 years. The body was sent to Grand Rapids Monday for burial.

Verne Bamber and Robert G. Watson left Monday for East Jordan, to assume charge of the furniture and undertaking establishment, which they recently purchased in that city.

When a wife wants children and her husband hates them, what happens? See "The Thunderbolt" at the Regent Theatre, Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23.—adv.

Professor T. J. Gates of Penn State University, Penn State, Pa., visited with Alma friends the first of the week. Professor Gates is a graduate of Alma high school with the class of 1912, and also attended Alma college, and has a wide circle of friends in this city.

The Alma fire department was called out twice Sunday by fire alarms. Once the department was called to the Sugdam block at the corner of East Superior and Woodworth, and the other time to a residence on Center street. Little damage was done either time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scalf of Harbor Springs were in Alma Monday enroute home from Breckenridge, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Andrew Shaver, a sister of Mrs. Scalf, on Sunday.

Mrs. Shaver was formerly a resident of this city, having moved to Breckenridge just a few weeks ago.

The Francis Willard Union will meet at the home of Mrs. E. C. Crandell, 519 Woodworth avenue, Wednesday afternoon. The subject is scientific temperance instruction, leader, Mrs. Adeline Page. All members are urged to be present and to bring any money which may have been collected for the Jubilee fund.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Francis King, Monday, January 19, at 2:45 p. m. Mrs. Clay H. Hollister of Grand Rapids, who has recently returned from France will speak on the subject "Our Friends in France." Members of the Art Club and Civic Improvement League are most cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Miss Bertha Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Welch and Verne Watson of this city were quietly married at the home of Rev. Duffey, pastor of the N. E. church on New Year's evening, it has been learned. They were attended by Hubert Welch, a brother of the bride and Miss Geraldine Parks, a relative of the groom. They expect to reside in Alma.

Manager C. W. Erickson of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph company announced this week that in common with thirty-two thousand of their fellow employees in other cities, the members of the local office force, who have been with the company for six months will participate in salary increases commencing January 1, which total over five million dollars per year. Those employed over six months will receive a fifteen per cent increase, and those employed less than that time will get a ten per cent increase.

William E. Reynolds, city manager, and John C. Chick, commissioner, were in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening, guests of the board of trade of that city, which had invited the men to tell of the advantages of, and the formation of the commission form of city government, as experienced in Alma. Mr. Chick took up the matter from the civic viewpoint and Mr. Reynolds handled it from the other viewpoint. Following the addresses the board of trade there decided to back a move for the commission form of government. Mt. Pleasant is now facing the same problems that Alma faced when this city determined to adopt the system.

Washington—Idlehour Sunday.—Bryant Washburn—"It Pays to Advertise"—adv.

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ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB

The Arcada Farmers' Club will hold an evening meeting January 22, at the home of Wesley Webb two miles west and one north of Alma. All members are urged to be present as there is much business to be done. As this is the first meeting of the year be early so that plans for another twelve months can be laid.

Light refreshments will be served consisting of hot coffee, sandwiches, fried cakes and pickles. Each lady is asked to bring her allotted amount, also cups, plates and spoons for each person she brings. Don't forget that coffee takes cream and sugar.

Program as follows:
Meeting called to order by President Mainline.

Song by club.
Prayer.
Song.

Reading of minutes of last meeting.
Report of delegate.
Election of officers.

Reading by Clara Smith.
Recitation by Lester Walstow.
Reading by Mrs. Geo. Irish.

Visitors always welcome.
Closing song by all.
Mrs. Isabell Walstow, Mrs. John Fink, Mrs. Jesse Hanford, Mrs. Fred Rockafellow, program committee.

No Great Act of Heroism Required.
If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, but when it is only necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effectual.

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FORD Prices Advance \$100

Such an announcement may be made any day by the Ford Motor Company. Several well known makes have already advanced within the last ten days. Material and labor soaring daily on the one hand with decreased production owing to recent coal and steel strikes on the other must soon force all other factories to make substantial increases in price.

Today you can still buy your new Ford car at the old price. Tomorrow may be too late. As a business proposition you should protect yourself at the earliest possible moment.

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This you will be told if you wait till early spring to order your car. We are now in a position to give our customers very reasonable delivery. However, with orders now coming in over twice as fast as we are able to get cars will find us sold months ahead by early spring. In fact the shortage of Ford cars this year will be greater than at any time in the history of the automobile industry.

Will you be enjoying your car next spring purchased at the present low price, or will you be at the tail end of a long waiting list booked for a car at a much higher price?

We feel it our duty to warn all prospective Ford owners of the conditions that now confront them. We are giving YOU a good tip when we say BUY NOW. But it's up to you to act promptly if you wish to be benefited by our advice.

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Why spend weary hours at hard work when BlueBird will do your washing for you? Discard the old rub-board which takes your strength and health.

Use the BlueBird Electric Clothes Washer. Fill the big copper tub with clothes. In six to eight minutes they are washed clean—cleaner than by any other washing process. Within an hour, at most, the whole week's wash is done.

All without the slightest effort by you. Even the wringing is done by motor. The confining drudgery of washday is no more.

And the clothes last five times longer when washed the BlueBird way, for there is no wear or tear, no possible way for clothes to be harmed.

See the handsome, all-white BlueBird Electric Clothes Washer. Still better—

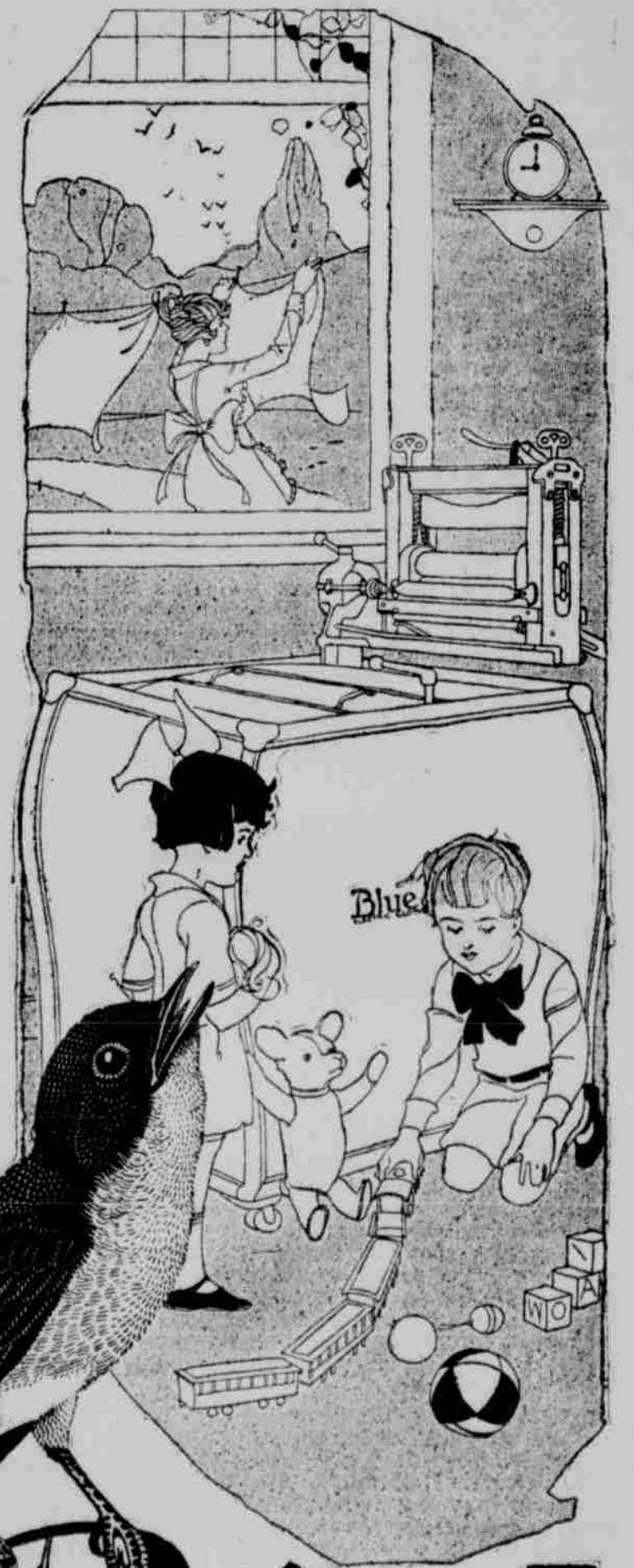
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A small initial payment allows you to keep it. Savings in laundry expense more than pay for it. There's not the slightest obligation. Phone today.

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Handsome white enamel cabinet; table top; all mechanism protected.
Heavy copper, extra large tub, can't discolor clothes. Inside perfectly smooth; nothing to wear or tear things.
Washes by perfect rock-a-bye action; quickest, most thorough way.

Built for a life-time of service; extra strong, rigid frame; simple, dependable mechanism.
Large, power driven wringer, swings to any position; adjusts automatically for light or heavy things.
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